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1. "EL MERCURIO" OF 23 DECEMBER PUBLISHED "LATIN" NEWS STORY, DATED WASHINGTON, 22 DECEMBER, IN WHICH CIA SPOKESMAN CALLED LEFTIST ACCUSATIONS OF CIA INVOLVEMENT IN SCHNEIDER ASSASSINATION "NONSENSE" AND AN EXAMPLE OF "LOW POLITICS." CIA SPOKESMAN QUOTED AS FOLLOWS: "I HAVE SEEN SOME INFORMATION ABOUT RUMORS WHICH ATTEMPT TO INVOLVE THE AGENCY IN THOSE ACTS, BUT BETWEEN US, IT'S PURE NONSENSE." ARTICLE GOES ON TO SAY THAT TRADITIONALLY CIA DOES NOT GIVE OUT INFO AND DOES NOT MAINTAIN PRESS OR PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICES.

2. SAME ARTICLE, WHICH ENTITLED "CIA DENIES HAVING ACTED AGAINST U.P.," QUOTED DEPT OF STATE SPOKESMAN AS SAYING CHARGES BY PARTIES WITHIN U.P. OF CIA INVOLVEMENT IN SCHNEIDER AFFAIR WERE A "SERIOUS" MATTER, AND THAT ACCUSERES SHOULD PRESENT CONCRETE PROOF OF THEIR CHARGES AGAINST CIA.

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